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Document AA – U.S. Patent No.: 4,396,137 discloses a harness for snugly securing a camera against the torso of a human body includes a quick release fastening means assembled from two members that are releasably engaged securely with each other and operable with a single hand for releasing such engagement. One of the two members of the quick release fastening means is secured to a belt which encircles the torso for restraining that member thereto. The other of the two members is adapted to be secured to the camera. Engagement of the members of the quick release fastening means, when the members are respectively secured to the camera and to the human body, secures the camera against the torso. The harness further includes an elongated neckstrap worn around the neck of the camera user, which is adapted for attachment to the camera so that the camera is supported at a location where it may be secured against the torso by the cooperating quick release fastening means and belt.

Document BB – U.S. Patent No.: 6,647,091 discloses an x-ray technique-based nonintrusive inspection apparatus is provided which is capable of inspecting 600 containers an hour which is small, and which is easily maintainable. Features of the apparatus include "radiation locking" with "active curtains", "continuous scanning" utilizing an x-ray line scanner subsystem and a CT scanner subsystem, good structural integrity, radiation containment in a self-shielding manner, an easily maintainable driving arrangement, shielding curtains that can be raised and lowered quickly, a container jam release mechanism, and efficient air conditioning.

Document CC – “Thermal insulation – Qualitative Detection of Thermal Irregularities in Building Envelopes – Infrared Method”. International Standard ISO 6781, 1983.

Document DD – “Standard Practice for Thermographic Inspection of Insulation Installations in Envelope Cavities of Frame Buildings”. ASTM International, 2003.

Document EE – “ThermalScan IRC-2000 Infrared Camera”. InspectorTools.

Document FF – “Infrared Imaging for Home Inspections”. Monroe Infrared Technology.

Document GG – “Monroe Infrared Technology”. Monroe Infrared Technology, 1984.

Document HH – “K6800 Spectra Scan”. Monroe Infrared Technology.

Document II – “Standard Practice for Location of Wet Insulation in Roofing Systems Using Infrared Imaging”. ASTM International.

Document JJ – “Infrared Inspection”. Boldstar Infrared Services, February 28, 2001.

In the event the Examiner has any questions regarding this document, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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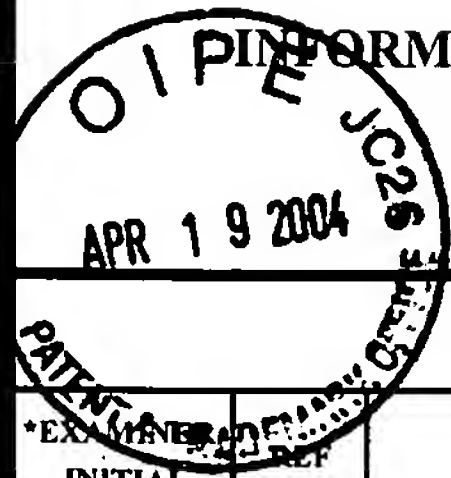
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	4,396,137	08/02/83	Christie D. Benjamin	224/257	224/255	06/15/1981
	BB	6,647,091	11/11/03	Fenkart, et al.	378/57	378/4	02/07/02

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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